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L1 1010 (CARTILAGE OLIGOMERIC MATRIX PROTEIN) OR THROMBOSPONDIN-5

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L4 ANSWER 1 OF 1 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 1  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 93316223 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 93316223 PubMed ID: 8326443  
TITLE: Sequential appearance of macromolecules in bone induction  
in the rat.  
AUTHOR: Hulth A; Johnell O; Lindberg L; Heinegard D  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Orthopaedics, General Hospital, University of  
Lund, Malmo, Sweden.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH, (1993 May) 11 (3) 367-78.  
Journal code: 8404726. ISSN: 0736-0266.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals; Space Life Sciences  
ENTRY MONTH: 199308  
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Entered Medline: 19930806

AB The appearance of noncollagenous proteins and proteoglycans during  
induction of cartilage and bone by implanted demineralized bone powder was  
studied by immunohistochemistry with polyclonal antibodies. Three bone  
proteins (osteopontin, sialoprotein, and a \*\*\*62\*\*\* \*\*\*kDa\*\*\*  
protein) were present in the bone powder grains before implantation. They  
appeared to be lost slowly from the granulation tissue but reappeared when  
bone formation started. The raw powder also contained a cartilage  
protein, biglycan (S1), chondrocalcin, \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
\*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*, and the large  
proteoglycan aggrecan. The amounts of these molecules, however, increased  
significantly both within and outside the grains on cartilage formation.  
Cartilage matrix protein (148 kDa protein) appeared sparsely. The 58 kDa  
protein and fibromodulin (59 kDa protein), particularly the latter, were  
prevalent in fibrillar bundles. Antibodies against the laminin-staining  
vessel basement membranes showed an abundant occurrence of capillaries  
within the matrix grains in the granulation tissue and in the  
precartilaginous tissue. Bone powder made noninductive by 4 M guanidine  
HCl did not induce cartilage and did not stain for antibodies against bone  
proteins or for molecules restricted to cartilage.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003118858 IN-PROCESS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 22446685 PubMed ID: 12559599  
TITLE: Monoclonal antibodies to \*\*\*human\*\*\* \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
\*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* :  
epitope mapping and characterization of sandwich  
\*\*\*ELISA\*\*\*  
AUTHOR: Vilim Vladimir; Voburka Zdenek; Vytasek Richard; Senolt  
Ladislav; Tchetverikov Ilja; Kraus Virginia B; Pavelka  
Karel  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Rheumatology, Na Slupi 4, 128 50 Prague 2,  
Czech Republic.. vili@revma.cz  
CONTRACT NUMBER: P60AG11268 (NIA)  
SOURCE: CLINICA CHIMICA ACTA, (2003 Feb) 328 (1-2) 59-69.  
Journal code: 1302422. ISSN: 0009-8981.  
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LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: IN-PROCESS; NONINDEXED; Priority Journals  
ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 20030314  
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AB BACKGROUND: Cartilage oligomeric matrix protein/ \*\*\*thrombospondin\*\*\*  
\*\*\*5\*\*\* (COMP/TSP 5) is one of the most promising serologic markers with  
regard to an ability to prognose development of osteoarthritis (OA). Our  
aim was to map the epitopes of three monoclonal antibodies (mAb) to COMP  
and to develop and characterize a sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent  
assay ( \*\*\*ELISA\*\*\* ) for measuring COMP levels in human body fluids.  
METHODS: COMP was digested with trypsin and the NH(2)-terminal sequence of  
the fragments recognized by each of the mAbs was determined. Steric  
competition among the mAbs was tested with an antibody capture assay. A  
sandwich \*\*\*ELISA\*\*\* was developed using unlabeled mAb 16-F12 as a  
capture antibody, and mAb 17-C10 labeled with biotin as the second  
antibody. RESULTS: Epitopes of the three mAbs were mapped to three  
different domains within the COMP subunit (16-F12, NH(2)-terminal domain;  
17-C10, EGF-like domain; 12-C4, COOH-terminal domain). These epitopes did  
not overlap. mAbs 17-C10 and 12-C4 yielded similar serum COMP results when  
used as the secondary antibodies. Serum COMP levels measured with the new  
sandwich \*\*\*ELISA\*\*\* using mAbs 16-F12 and 17-C10 correlated strongly  
with results based on an inhibition \*\*\*ELISA\*\*\* with mAb 17-C10 alone  
( $r(2) = 0.836$ ;  $P < 0.0001$ ). We characterized the new sandwich  
\*\*\*ELISA\*\*\* with regards to inter- and intra-assay variability, the  
range of COMP levels that can be expected in human synovial fluids (SF)

and sera (controls and OA and rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients), and the day-to-day and diurnal variability of COMP levels in sera. CONCLUSIONS: We have developed and characterized a sandwich \*\*\*ELISA\*\*\* for COMP that is sensitive and yields highly reproducible COMP results upon analysis of human sera and synovial fluids.  
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L10 ANSWER 2 OF 2 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2003 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:373857 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 136:84393  
TITLE: Selection of peptides and synthesis of pentameric peptabody molecules reacting specifically with ErbB-2 receptor  
AUTHOR(S): Houmel, Mehdi; Schneider, Pascal; Terskikh, Alexei; Mach, Jean-Pierre  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Biochemistry, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switz.  
SOURCE: International Journal of Cancer (2001), 92(5), 748-755  
CODEN: IJCNAW; ISSN: 0020-7136  
PUBLISHER: Wiley-Liss, Inc.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB The HER-2/ErbB-2 oncoprotein is overexpressed in human breast and ovarian adenocarcinomas and is clearly assocd. with the malignant phenotype. Although no specific ligand for this receptor has been pos. identified, ErbB-2 was shown to play a central role in a network of interactions with the related ErbB-1, ErbB-3 and ErbB-4 receptors. We have selected new peptides binding to ErbB-2 extracellular domain protein (ECD) by screening 2 newly developed constrained and unconstrained random hexapeptide phage libraries. Out of 37 phage clones, which bound specifically to ErbB-2 ECD, we found 6 constrained and 10 linear different hexapeptide sequences. Among the latter, 5 consensus motifs, all with a common methionine and a pos. charged residue at positions 1 and 3, resp., were identified. Furthermore, 3 representative hexapeptides were fused to a coiled-coil pentameric recombinant protein to form the so-called peptabodies recently developed in our lab. The 3 peptabodies bound specifically to the ErbB-2 ECD, as detd. by \*\*\*ELISA\*\*\* and BIA-core anal. and to tumor cells overexpressing ErbB-2, as shown by flow cytometry. Interestingly, one of the free selected linear peptides and all 3 peptabodies inhibited the proliferation of tumor cells overexpressing ErbB-2. In conclusion, a novel type of ErbB-2-specific ligand is described that might complement presently available monoclonal antibodies.  
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L7 261754 S ELISA  
L8 93 S L7 AND L1  
L9 6 S L6 AND L7  
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=> s l11 (p) calcium

L12 28 L11 (P) CALCIUM

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001196441 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21125809 PubMed ID: 11084047  
TITLE: Mutations in cartilage oligomeric matrix protein causing pseudoachondroplasia and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia affect binding of calcium and collagen I, II, and IX.  
AUTHOR: Thur J; Rosenberg K; Nitsche D P; Pihlajamaa T; Ala-kokko L; Heinegard D; Paulsson M; Maurer P  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute for Biochemistry, Medical Faculty, University of Cologne, D-50931 Koln, Germany.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (2001 Mar 2) 276 (9) 6083-92.  
Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
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ENTRY MONTH: 200104  
ENTRY DATE: Entered STN: 20010410  
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AB Mutations in type 3 repeats of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\*  
\*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) cause two skeletal dysplasias, pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED). We \*\*\*expressed\*\*\* \*\*\*recombinant\*\*\* wild-type COMP that showed structural and functional properties identical to COMP isolated from cartilage. A fragment encompassing the eight type 3 repeats binds 14 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* ions with moderate affinity and high cooperativity and presumably forms one large disulfide-bonded folding unit. A \*\*\*recombinant\*\*\* PSACH mutant COMP in which Asp-469 was deleted (D469 Delta) and a MED mutant COMP in which Asp-361 was substituted by Tyr (D361Y) were both secreted into the cell culture medium of human cells. Circular dichroism spectroscopy revealed only small changes in the secondary structures of D469 Delta and D361Y, demonstrating that the mutations do not dramatically affect the folding and stability of COMP. However, the local conformations of the type 3 repeats were disturbed, and the number of bound \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* ions was reduced to 10 and 8, respectively. In addition to collagen I and II, collagen IX also binds to COMP with high affinity. The PSACH and MED mutations reduce the binding to collagens I, II, and IX and result in an altered zinc dependence. These interactions may contribute to the development of the patient phenotypes and may explain why MED can also be caused by mutations in collagen IX genes.

L14 ANSWER 2 OF 6 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000464083 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20469946 PubMed ID: 11013461  
TITLE: Delta 469 mutation in the type 3 repeat calcium binding domain of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) disrupts calcium binding.  
AUTHOR: Hou J; Putkey J A; Hecht J T  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Texas Houston Medical School, Houston, USA.  
SOURCE: CELL CALCIUM, (2000 Jun) 27 (6) 309-14.  
Journal code: 8006226. ISSN: 0143-4160.  
PUB. COUNTRY: SCOTLAND: United Kingdom  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP/TSP5), a large glycoprotein found in the territorial matrix surrounding chondrocytes, is the fifth member of the thrombospondin (TSP) gene family. While the function of COMP is unknown, its importance is underscored by the finding that mutations in the highly conserved type 3 repeat domain causes two skeletal dysplasias. Pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and Multiple Epiphyseal Dysplasia, Fairbanks type (EDM1). The type 3 repeats are highly conserved low-affinity Ca(2+)binding domains that are found in all TSP genes. This study was undertaken to determine the effects of mutations on \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding and structure of the type 3 repeat domains. wild-type (WT) and Delta469 \*\*\*recombinant\*\*\*

COMP (rCOMP) proteins containing the entire \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -binding domain were \*\*\*expressed\*\*\* in E. coli and purified. Equilibrium dialysis demonstrated that WT bound 10-12 Ca(2+)ions/molecule while Delta469 bound approximately half the Ca(2+)ions. Circular dichroism (CD) spectrometry had striking spectral changes for the WT in response to increasing concentrations of Ca(2+). These CD spectral changes were cooperative and reversible. In contrast, a large CD spectral change was not observed at any Ca(2+)concentration for Delta469. Moreover, both WT and Delta469 proteins produced similar CD spectral changes when titrated with Zn(2+), Cu(2+)and Ni(2+)indicating that the Delta469 mutation specifically affects only \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding. These results suggest that the Delta469 mutation, in the type 3 repeat region, interferes with Ca(2+)binding and that filling of all Ca(2+)binding loops may be critical for correct COMP protein conformation.

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L14 ANSWER 3 OF 6

MEDLINE  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000458618 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20409010 PubMed ID: 10852928  
 TITLE: Cartilage oligomeric matrix protein is a calcium-binding protein, and a mutation in its type 3 repeats causes conformational changes.  
 AUTHOR: Chen H; Deere M; Hecht J T; Lawler J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Tumor Biology and Angiogenesis, Department of Pathology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA.  
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 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (2000 Aug 25) 275 (34) 26538-44.  
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AB Mutations in residues in the type 3 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -binding repeats and COOH-terminal globular region of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) lead to two skeletal dysplasias, pseudoachondroplasia and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia. It has been hypothesized that these mutations cause COMP to misfold and to be retained in the endoplasmic reticulum. However, this hypothesis is not supported by previous reports that COMP, when purified in the presence of EDTA, shows no obvious difference in electron microscopic appearance in the presence or absence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* ions. Since this discrepancy may be due to the removal of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* during purification, we have \*\*\*expressed\*\*\* wild-type COMP and the most common mutant form found in pseudoachondroplasia, MUT3, using a mammalian \*\*\*expression\*\*\* system and have purified both proteins in the presence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*. Both proteins are \*\*\*expressed\*\*\* as pentamers. Direct \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding experiments demonstrate that wild-type COMP, when purified in the presence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*, is a \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -binding protein. Rotary shadowing electron microscopy and limited trypsin digestion at various \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* concentrations show that there are conformational changes associated with \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding to COMP. whereas COMP exists in a more compact conformation in the presence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*, it shows a more extended conformation when \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* is removed. MUT3, with a single aspartic acid deletion in the type 3 repeats, binds less \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* and presents an intermediate conformation between the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -replete and \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -depleted forms of COMP. In conclusion, we show that a single mutation in the type 3 repeats of COMP causes the mutant protein to misfold. Our data demonstrate the importance of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding to the structure of COMP and provide a plausible explanation for the observation that mutations in the type 3 repeats and COOH-terminal globular region lead to pseudoachondroplasia.

L14 ANSWER 4 OF 6

MEDLINE  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000219197 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20219197 PubMed ID: 10753957  
 TITLE: A cartilage oligomeric matrix protein mutation associated with pseudoachondroplasia changes the structural and functional properties of the type 3 domain.  
 AUTHOR: Maddox B K; Mokashi A; Keene D R; Bachinger H P  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Research Department, Shriners Hospital for Children, Oregon

Health Sciences University, Portland, Oregon, 97201, USA.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AR45582 (NIA)  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (2000 Apr 14) 275 (15) 11412-7.  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
 (COMP) is a member of the thrombospondin family of extracellular matrix glycoproteins. All members of the family contain a highly conserved region of thrombospondin type 3 sequence repeats that bind \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*. A mutation in COMP previously identified in a patient with pseudoachondroplasia resulted in abnormal sequestration of COMP in distinctive rER vesicles. The mutation, Asp-446 --> Asn, is located in the type 3 repeats of the molecule. This region was \*\*\*expressed\*\*\* in a mammalian culture with and without the mutation to study the structural or functional properties associated with the mutation. The biophysical parameters of the mutant peptide were compared with those of the wild type and revealed the following difference: secondary structural analysis by circular dichroism showed more alpha-helix content in the wild-type peptides. The \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding properties of the two peptides were significantly different; there were 17 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* ions bound/wild-type COMP3 peptide compared with 8/mutant peptide. In addition, wild-type COMP3 had a higher affinity for \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* and bound \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* more cooperatively. \*\*\*Calcium\*\*\* bound by the wild-type peptide was reflected in a structural change as indicted by velocity sedimentation. Thus, the effect of the COMP mutation appears to profoundly alter the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding properties and may account for the difference observed in the structure of the type 3 domain. Furthermore, the highly cooperative binding of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* to COMP3 suggests that these type 3 sequence repeats form a single protein domain, the thrombospondin type 3 domain.

L14 ANSWER 5 OF 6 MEDLINE  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998420391 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98420391 PubMed ID: 9749943  
 TITLE: Characterization of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) in human normal and pseudoachondroplasia musculoskeletal tissues.  
 AUTHOR: Hecht J T; Deere M; Putnam E; Cole W; Vertel B; Chen H; Lawler J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Texas Medical School at Houston, 77225, USA.  
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 SOURCE: MATRIX BIOLOGY, (1998 Aug) 17 (4) 269-78.  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
 (COMP), the fifth member of the -thrombospondin gene family, is an extracellular matrix \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -binding protein. The importance of COMP is underscored by the finding that mutations in COMP cause the human dwarfing condition, pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH). Here, we report the results of human tissue distribution and cell secretion studies of human COMP. COMP is \*\*\*expressed\*\*\* and secreted by cultured monolayer chondrocyte, tendon and ligament cells, and COMP secretion is not restricted to a differentiated chondrocyte phenotype. Whereas COMP is retained in the endoplasmic reticulum that accumulates within PSACH chondrocytes in vivo, COMP is not retained intracellularly in the dedifferentiated PSACH chondrocytes in cultures. These results lend further support to the hypothesis that retention of COMP is related to the terminal PSACH chondrocyte phenotype, processing of proteins related to extracellular matrix formation, and maintenance in cartilage.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 93054522 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 93054522 PubMed ID: 1429587  
TITLE: COMP (cartilage oligomeric matrix protein) is structurally related to the thrombospondins.  
AUTHOR: Oldberg A; Antonsson P; Lindblom K; Heinegard D  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medical and Physiological Chemistry, University of Lund, Sweden.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1992 Nov 5) 267 (31) 22346-50.  
Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258.  
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AB Cloning and sequence analysis of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\*  
\*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) cDNA, representing a cartilage pentameric protein, revealed a protein of 755 amino acid residues with a calculated molecular mass of 82,700 Da. \*\*\*Expression\*\*\* of the cDNA in COS cells showed that COMP is a homopolymer composed of five identical disulfide-linked subunits. COMP is homologous to the carboxyl-terminal half of thrombospondin, and the homologies include 89% and 54% of the residues in COMP and thrombospondin, respectively. The similarities are most pronounced in the carboxyl-terminal domains and in the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding type 3 repeat domains in which about 60% of the amino acid residues are identical. In the type 2/epidermal growth factor repeat domains the two proteins contain 41% identical residues. The sequence of the amino-terminal 84-amino acid residues is unique for COMP. Comparison of the amino acid sequences in the type 2 and type 3 repeat domains of COMP and the thrombospondins shows that COMP is the product of a unique gene and not the result of an alternatively spliced thrombospondin gene.

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TITLE: Cartilage oligomeric matrix protein is a calcium-binding

protein, and a mutation in its type 3 repeats causes conformational changes.  
AUTHOR: Chen H; Deere M; Hecht J T; Lawler J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Tumor Biology and Angiogenesis, Department of Pathology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA.  
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AB Mutations in residues in the type 3 \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -binding repeats and COOH-terminal globular region of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) lead to two skeletal dysplasias, pseudoachondroplasia and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia. It has been hypothesized that these mutations cause COMP to misfold and to be retained in the endoplasmic reticulum. However, this hypothesis is not supported by previous reports that COMP, when \*\*\*purified\*\*\* in the presence of EDTA, shows no obvious difference in electron microscopic appearance in the presence or absence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* ions. Since this discrepancy may be due to the removal of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* during \*\*\*purification\*\*\*, we have expressed wild-type COMP and the most common mutant form found in pseudoachondroplasia, MUT3, using a mammalian expression system and have \*\*\*purified\*\*\* both proteins in the presence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*. Both proteins are expressed as pentamers. Direct \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding experiments demonstrate that wild-type COMP, when \*\*\*purified\*\*\* in the presence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*, is a \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -binding protein. Rotary shadowing electron microscopy and limited trypsin digestion at various \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* concentrations show that there are conformational changes associated with \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding to COMP. Whereas COMP exists in a more compact conformation in the presence of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\*, it shows a more extended conformation when \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* is removed. MUT3, with a single aspartic acid deletion in the type 3 repeats, binds less \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* and presents an intermediate conformation between the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -replete and \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -depleted forms of COMP. In conclusion, we show that a single mutation in the type 3 repeats of COMP causes the mutant protein to misfold. Our data demonstrate the importance of \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding to the structure of COMP and provide a plausible explanation for the observation that mutations in the type 3 repeats and COOH-terminal globular region lead to pseudoachondroplasia.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20469946 PubMed ID: 11013461  
TITLE: Delta 469 mutation in the type 3 repeat calcium binding domain of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) disrupts calcium binding.  
AUTHOR: Hou J; Putkey J A; Hecht J T  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Texas Houston Medical School, Houston, USA.  
SOURCE: CELL CALCIUM, (2000 Jun) 27 (6) 309-14.  
Journal code: 8006226. ISSN: 0143-4160.  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP/TSP5), a large glycoprotein found in the territorial matrix surrounding chondrocytes, is the fifth member of the thrombospondin (TSP) gene family. While the function of COMP is unknown, its importance is underscored by the finding that mutations in the highly conserved type 3 repeat domain causes two skeletal dysplasias. Pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and Multiple Epiphyseal Dysplasia, Fairbanks type (EDM1). The type 3 repeats are highly conserved low-affinity Ca(2+)binding domains that are found in all TSP genes. This study was undertaken to determine

the effects of mutations on \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding and structure of the type 3 repeat domains. wild type (WT) and Delta469 recombinant COMP (rCOMP) proteins containing the entire \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* -binding domain were expressed in E. coli and \*\*\*purified\*\*\*. Equilibrium dialysis demonstrated that WT bound 10-12 Ca(2+)ions/molecule while Delta469 bound approximately half the Ca(2+)ions. Circular dichroism (CD) spectrometry had striking spectral changes for the WT in response to increasing concentrations of Ca(2+). These CD spectral changes were cooperative and reversible. In contrast, a large CD spectral change was not observed at any Ca(2+)concentration for Delta469. Moreover, both WT and Delta469 proteins produced similar CD spectral changes when titrated with Zn(2+), Cu(2+)and Ni(2+)indicating that the Delta469 mutation specifically affects only \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* binding. These results suggest that the Delta469 mutation, in the type 3 repeat region, interferes with Ca(2+)binding and that filling of all Ca(2+)binding loops may be critical for correct COMP protein conformation.

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TITLE: The influence of ageing and exercise on tendon growth and
      degeneration-hypotheses for the initiation and prevention
      of strain-induced tendinopathies.
AUTHOR: Smith R K W; Birch H L; Goodman S; Heinigard D; Goodship A
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CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, The Royal
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AB Strain-induced tendinopathy is a common injury in both human and equine athletes, with increasing incidence associated with greater involvement in sport and an increasingly aged population. This paper reviews our studies on the abundant non-collagenous protein, \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
\*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), in equine tendons. Its variation between tendon type and site, age and exercise has provided an insight into how age and exercise influence tendon growth and maturation. Tendons can be broadly divided into two types, reflecting their different matrix \*\*\*composition\*\*\* and function: the energy-storing tendons used for weight-bearing and locomotion, which suffer a high incidence of strain-induced tendinopathy, and positional tendons involved in limb placement or manipulative skills. It would appear that while energy-storing tendon can respond to the mechanical forces applied to it during growth, there is no evidence that it can do so after skeletal maturity. Instead, cumulative fatigue damage causes degeneration at the molecular level, potentially weakening it and increasing the risk of clinical injury. Appropriate exercise regimes early in life may help to improve the quality of growing tendon, thereby reducing the incidence of injury during ageing or subsequent athletic career.

L20 ANSWER 2 OF 8 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 2

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20385047 PubMed ID: 10924396  
TITLE: Differences in the concentration of various synovial fluid constituents between the distal interphalangeal joint, the metacarpophalangeal joint and the navicular bursa in normal horses.  
AUTHOR: Viitanen M; Bird J; Maisi P; Smith R; Tulamo R M; May S  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Farm Animal and Equine Medicine and Surgery, Royal Veterinary College, University of London, UK.  
SOURCE: RESEARCH IN VETERINARY SCIENCE, (2000 Aug) 69 (1) 63-7.  
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AB As a prerequisite for the identification of navicular disease markers, the concentrations of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\*  
\*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), total glycosaminoglycans (GAG), \*\*\*hyaluronan\*\*\*, metalloproteinases (MMP) 2 and 9 and total protein were measured in synovial fluid samples obtained from the distal interphalangeal joint (DIP), the metacarpophalangeal joint (MCP) and the navicular bursa of 24 horses. Mean GAG, COMP and total protein levels were significantly higher in the DIP joint and in the navicular bursa compared to the MCP joint. \*\*\*Hyaluronan\*\*\* content was lower. MMP -2 activity was present in all fluids measured and had similar levels in different joints. MMP -9 was present in 42 per cent of MCP joint samples and 58 per cent of DIP joint samples and of navicular bursal samples. In relation to the constituents measured, the \*\*\*composition\*\*\* of navicular bursal fluid was similar to the articular synovial fluids, in particular that obtained from the DIP joint. Correlation between the constituents of DIP joint fluid and navicular bursal fluid obtained from the same legs was statistically significant for all the parameters measured.

L20 ANSWER 3 OF 8 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000124477 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20124477 PubMed ID: 10659252  
TITLE: Should equine athletes commence training during skeletal development?: changes in tendon matrix associated with development, ageing, function and exercise.  
AUTHOR: Smith R K; Birch H; Patterson-Kane J; Firth E C; Williams L; Cherdchutham W; van Weeren W R; Goodship A E  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Royal Veterinary College, Hatfield, Herts, UK.  
SOURCE: EQUINE VETERINARY JOURNAL. SUPPLEMENT, (1999 Jul) 30 201-9.  
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AB In human athletes, conditioning, training and competition are commenced before skeletal maturity. Yet in equine athletics, racing of young (age 2 years) horses remains contentious. Tendon injury persists as major causes of wastage in equine athletes. Minimising injury and associated welfare issues could involve a radical approach to the timing and implementation of conditioning and training. Tendons were examined from Thoroughbreds, Dutch warmblood foals, working horses and also a group of wild horses to evaluate effects of age, function and exercise. Gross mechanical properties did not differ significantly with age or exercise, but showed a high variance within each group. Mechanical properties of tendon tissue showed significant differences as a function of age and location. The \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* fibril crimp angle and length showed a regional reduction in the central core with exercise and age, with a synergistic effect. Regional differences in \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* fibril diameter were seen in long-term exercised older horses, but not in short-term exercised, or younger, horses. The higher proportion of small fibrils in the central region of the long-term exercised horses did not correlate with new \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* formation and therefore appear to result from disassembly of the larger diameter fibrils. Fibril diameter distributions were influenced by exercise regimens in the growing foal. Changes in molecular \*\*\*composition\*\*\* occurred in longer-term exercise and older horses, in the centre of the tendon, with higher levels of type III \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* and changes in glycosaminoglycan (GAG) content. \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*Oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*Matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*Protein\*\*\* (COMP) levels also appear to be modulated by age, function and superimposition of exercise. These changes were all exacerbated with age and exercise, suggesting appropriate exercise in young horses may lead to a lower incidence of injury than in older horses. An hypothesis is advanced that immature tendon can respond to exercise while mature tendon has limited, if any, ability to do so. These findings support potentially controversial earlier conditioning and racing of younger, rather than older, equine athletes.

L20 ANSWER 4 OF 8 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000447094 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20452295 PubMed ID: 10999666  
TITLE: Age-related changes and effect of exercise on the molecular composition of immature equine superficial digital flexor tendons.  
AUTHOR: Cherdchutham W; Becker C; Smith R K; Barneveld A; van Weeren P R  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Equine Sciences, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.  
SOURCE: EQUINE VETERINARY JOURNAL. SUPPLEMENT, (1999 Nov) (31) 86-94.  
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AB To test the hypothesis that exercise at very young age may influence the eventual molecular \*\*\*composition\*\*\* (and hence the biomechanical properties) of tendon tissue in the horse, 43 Dutch warmblood foals were allotted to 3 differently exercised groups (box-rest, box-rest with training and pasture exercise). Twenty-four superficial digital flexor tendons (SDFTs) were collected at age 5 months (8 from each exercise group) and the others were obtained at 11 months after an additional period of light exercise that was equal for all remaining foals and was intended to see if any induced changes would be reversible or not. Significant changes in DNA content (cellularity), hyaluronic acid (HA) and polysulphated glycosaminoglycans (PSGAGs) were found after the 5 month period of different exercise regimens. There was a tendency towards an exercise-related effect on hydroxylysine content and number of hydroxylysylpyridinolone (HP) crosslinks. Levels of \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*Oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*Matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*Protein\*\*\* (COMP), measured by

homologous inhibition ELISA showed significant differences at 5 months and were highest in foals kept at pasture and lowest in foals maintained in a box but given enforced exercise. At 11 months, the biochemical parameters of the tendons from the foals of the former box-rest and pasture groups became similar, indicating the capacity of the immature tendon to recover from a retarded development. However, the ratio of PSGAGs per unit of DNA of the former training group was significantly lower than those from the other groups, suggesting that the training regimen in this study had a lasting negative effect on the tenocytes resulting in a decrease of the production of PSGAGs. Therefore, inappropriate or excessive exercise may damage developing tendon, with limited recovery after normalising the exercise level. These possibly deleterious effects of a training regimen on tendon development may be important for the management of young would-be equine athletes.

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TITLE: Use of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis

INVENTOR(S): Heinegard, Dick; Lorentzen, Johnny C.; Klareskog, Lars

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Astra AB, Swed.

SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 27 pp.

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AB Use of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\*  
\*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), or fragments or analogs thereof, for the manuf. of a pharmaceutical \*\*\*compn\*\*\* for prevention or treatment of arthritic conditions is described, wherein the pharmaceutical \*\*\*compn\*\*\* is administered in an amt. effective to prevent or treat the arthritic condition. The arthritogenicity of, and humoral reaction to, bovine COMP in rats is described.

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TITLE: Patterns of glycosylation in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
\*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
measured by monosaccharide \*\*\*composition\*\*\* analysis,  
MALDI/TOF and electrospray mass spectrometry  
AUTHOR: Zaia J (Reprint); Boynton R; Heinegard D; Barry F  
CORPORATE SOURCE: OSIRIS THERAPEUT INC, BALTIMORE, MD 21231  
COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: USA  
SOURCE: GLYCOBIOLOGY, (OCT 1996) Vol. 6, No. 7, pp. 115-115.  
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 TITLE: Predictors of joint damage in rheumatoid arthritis.  
 AUTHOR: Wollheim F A  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Rheumatology, Lund University Hospital, Sweden.  
 SOURCE: APMIS, (1996 Feb) 104 (2) 81-93. Ref: 103  
 Journal code: 8803400. ISSN: 0903-4641.  
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AB Rheumatoid arthritis (RA) is the dominant form of destructive chronic arthritis with the potential to cause substantial disability and permanent functional impairment. The final extent and progression rate with time, however, varies markedly. In order to study effects of intervention and to support early aggressive and atoxic therapy in selected cases, predictive disease markers are needed. Recent advances regarding joint tissue \*\*\*composition\*\*\* and pathophysiology have defined a number of biological marker candidates which need to be explored for possible prognostic information. Some markers are characteristic for RA, such as rheumatoid factors and certain autoantibodies, which although they are more prevalent among patients with aggressive disease are not sensitive as predictors in early disease. Genetic susceptibility markers have been claimed to be good predictors of persisting arthritis in early synovitis clinics, but their role as severity markers in established disease is limited. Unspecific markers of inflammation, notably ESR or CRP when persistently elevated, are useful to monitor disease course and newer markers need to document their superiority over these. Another group of markers are attractive because of enriched or exclusive occurrence in joint tissue, and altered metabolism in joint disease. Thus, \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type III propeptides, hyaluronates, and neopterin originating in the synovium could be useful, and, in particular, hyaluronate levels indeed do provide some predictive information. Highly tissue-specific \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* metabolites include aggrecan fragments, \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* II fragments, \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) and the extraarticular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* matrix protein (CMP). When used alone or in combination in early disease some information can be obtained which may in the future facilitate prognostication. Bone metabolism can be monitored and there are different markers for synthesis and resorption. Meanwhile, whilst the new markers are essential research tools, their routine clinical usefulness remains to be proven.

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 TITLE: Immunohistochemical localization of matrix proteins in the femoral joint cartilage of growing commercial pigs.  
 AUTHOR: Ekman S; Heinegard D  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Anatomy and Histology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala.  
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AB The immunocytochemical localization of several matrix macromolecules,

including \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type II and proteoglycans, in the distal femoral articular-epiphyseal \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* complex of 10 commercial pigs between the age of 6 and 18 weeks was studied. Early osteochondrotic lesions, i.e., chondronecrosis in the resting region of the growth \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, as well as extensions of necrotic \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* into the subchondral bone, were present in all animals, except those 6 weeks old. A battery of antibodies were used for identification of macromolecules in the matrix at different stages of the disease. Chondrocyte involvement in the process could be studied by identifying the sequence of alterations in matrix macromolecules as the lesion developed. The immunostaining for aggrecan (large aggregating proteoglycans), \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*, fibronectin, \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type II, fibromodulin, and biglycan was more prominent in the areas of chondronecrosis, extending into the subchondral bone, than in the normal resting region. This altered pattern of matrix macromolecules resembled that of the matrix of the proliferative chondrocytes and suggests that the chondrocyte maturation had stopped in the proliferative zone. The matrix in the areas of chondronecrosis in the resting region resembled that in the normal resting region. Thus the chondronecrosis appears to have preceded alterations of the matrix \*\*\*composition\*\*\*. The antibody reactivity pattern was, however, altered in the matrix of the clustered chondrocytes in areas of chondronecrosis. Staining in these regions suggested a more prominent appearance of fibronectin and \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type II than in the normal matrix of the resting region. These changes are suggestive of attempt to repair. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

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| AUTHOR:           | Chen H; Deere M; Hecht J T; Lawler J  |                     |             |
| CORPORATE SOURCE: | Division of Tumor Biology and Angiogenesis, Department of Pathology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts 02215, USA. |                     |             |
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AB Mutations in residues in the type 3 calcium-binding repeats and COOH-terminal globular region of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) lead to two skeletal dysplasias, pseudoachondroplasia and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia. It has been hypothesized that these mutations cause COMP to misfold and to be retained in the endoplasmic reticulum. However, this hypothesis is not supported by previous reports that COMP, when purified in the presence of EDTA, shows no obvious difference in electron microscopic appearance in the presence or absence of calcium ions. Since this discrepancy may be due to the removal of calcium during purification, we have expressed wild-type COMP and the most common mutant form found in pseudoachondroplasia, MUT3, using a mammalian expression system and have purified both proteins in the presence of calcium. Both proteins are expressed as pentamers. Direct



calcium binding experiments demonstrate that wild-type COMP, when purified in the presence of calcium, is a calcium-binding protein. Ro by shadowing electron microscopy and limited trypsin digestion at various calcium concentrations show that there are conformational changes associated with calcium binding to COMP. Whereas COMP exists in a more compact conformation in the presence of calcium, it shows a more extended conformation when calcium is removed. MUT3, with a single aspartic acid deletion in the type 3 repeats, binds less calcium and presents an intermediate conformation between the \*\*\*calcium\*\*\* - \*\*\*replete\*\*\* and calcium-depleted forms of COMP. In conclusion, we show that a single mutation in the type 3 repeats of COMP causes the mutant protein to misfold. Our data demonstrate the importance of calcium binding to the structure of COMP and provide a plausible explanation for the observation that mutations in the type 3 repeats and COOH-terminal globular region lead to pseudoachondroplasia.

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TITLE: Apoptosis staining in cultured pseudoachondroplasia
chondrocytes.
AUTHOR: Duke J; Montufar-Solis D; Underwood S; Lalani Z; Hecht J T
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Orthodontics, Dental Branch, The University
of Texas Health Science Center at Houston..
Pauline.J.Duke@uth.tmc.edu
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AB Pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) is a skeletal dysplasia caused by a mutation in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), a glycoprotein of normal \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* matrix. PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* have a distinctive phenotype with enlarged rER cisternae containing COMP, aggrecan, type IX \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*, and chaperone proteins. Ultrastructural studies suggested that this accumulation compromises cell function, hastening cell death, and consequently reducing the number of cells in the growth plate contributing to linear bone growth. Using the alginate bead system, we cultured control and PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* for twenty weeks and one year to determine the effect of the mutation on size and number of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* nodules; and the presence of apoptotic cell death (TUNEL assay). At 20 weeks, beads containing PSACH or control \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* did not differ in size and number of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* nodules or number of TUNEL-positive cells. After one year, nodule number, size and percent \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* per bead were significantly less in PSACH nodules, and the number of cells staining positive for apoptosis was significantly greater than in controls (71.8% vs. 44.6%). The increase in apoptosis in PSACH nodules correlates with a decrease in growth of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, supporting our hypothesis that death of damaged cells contributes to the growth plate defects in PSACH.

L26 ANSWER 2 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 2  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003059189 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 22340650 PubMed ID: 12454393  
TITLE: The mechanosensitivity of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP).  
AUTHOR: Giannoni Paolo; Siegrist Mark; Hunziker Ernst B; Wong Marcy  
CORPORATE SOURCE: M.E. Muller Institute for Biomechanics, University of Bern, Murtenstrasse 35, Postfach 30, 3010 Bern, Switzerland.  
SOURCE: BIORHEOLOGY, (2003) 40 (1-3) 101-9.  
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AB Physical forces are known to influence the synthesis, assembly and degradation of the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* extracellular matrix. The expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) was found to be sensitive to long term cyclic compression. Explants of calf articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* as well as cylindrical alginate/ \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* constructs were subjected to uniaxial unconfined dynamic compression for 18 hours after which total mRNA was extracted from samples. COMP expression was assessed by means of semi-quantitative RT-PCR and Northern blot techniques. The COMP transcript was found to be significantly enriched upon compression in both experimental systems. Incubation with anti-beta1 integrin blocking antibodies abolished the mechanosensitivity of COMP expression. In addition, the presence of a fully developed pericellular matrix was shown to be a prerequisite for enhanced COMP expression with cyclic loading. Cell/matrix interactions are therefore one of the key events in mechanotransduction in \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.

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TITLE: Method for establishing certification of chondrocytes  
INVENTOR(S): Zheng, Ming Hao; Xu, Jiake  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Verigen Transplantation Service International, AG, Germany  
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AB The present invention provides a method for certifying cells for use in cartilage regeneration, the method comprising collecting data indicating chondrocyte cell viability for use in cartilage regeneration and providing a certificate of chondrocyte cell viability including the collecting data. A kit for quality assurance including instructions for collecting data indicating chondrocyte cell viability for use in cartilage regeneration and a certificate of chondrocyte cell viability is also included in the present invention. In addn., a method for detg. the likelihood of cartilage regeneration by assessing percent apoptosis in a chondrocyte cell culture is also provided.

L26 ANSWER 4 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 3  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002165697 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21895811 PubMed ID: 11782471  
TITLE: Disease-causing mutations in cartilage oligomeric matrix protein cause an unstructured Ca<sup>2+</sup> binding domain.  
AUTHOR: Kleerekoper Quinn; Hecht Jacqueline T; Putkey John A  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biochemistry, Structural Biology Research Center, University of Texas, Houston Medical School, Houston, Texas 77030, USA.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: R01HL45724 (NHLBI)  
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AB \*\*\*Chondrocytes\*\*\* from pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (EDM1) patients display an enlarged rough endoplasmic reticulum that accumulates extracellular matrix proteins, including \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP). Mutations that cause PSACH and EDM1 are restricted to a 27-kDa Ca(2+) binding domain (type 3 repeat). This domain has 13 Ca(2+)-binding loops with a consensus sequence that conforms to Ca(2+)-binding loops found in EF hands. Most disease-causing mutations are found in the 11-kDa C-terminal region of this domain. We expressed recombinant native and mutant forms of the type 3 repeat domain (T3) and its 11-kDa C-terminal region (T3-Cterm). T3 and T3-Cterm bind approximately 13 and 8 mol of Ca(2+)/mol of protein, respectively. CD, one-dimensional proton, and two-dimensional (1)H-(15)N HSQC spectra of Ca(2+)-bound T3-Cterm indicate a distinct conformation that has little helical secondary structure, despite the presence of 13 EF hand Ca(2+)-binding loops. This conformation is also formed within the context of the intact T3. 19 cross-peaks found between 9.0 and 11.4 ppm are consistent with the presence of strong hydrogen bonding patterns, such as those in beta-sheets. Removal of Ca(2+) leads to an apparent loss of structure as evidenced by decreased dispersion and loss of all down field resonances. Deletion of Asp-470 (a mutation found in 22% of all PSACH and EDM1 patients) decreased the Ca(2+)-binding capacity of both T3 and T3-Cterm by about 3 mol of Ca(2+)/mol of protein. Two-dimensional (1)H-(15)N HSQC spectra of mutated T3-Cterm showed little evidence of defined structure in the presence or absence of Ca(2+). The data demonstrate that Ca(2+) is required to nucleate folding and to maintain defined structure. Mutation results in a partial loss of Ca(2+)-binding capacity and prevents Ca(2+)-dependent folding. Persistence of an unstructured state of the mutated Ca(2+) binding domain in COMP is the structural basis for retention of COMP in the rough endoplasmic reticulum of differentiated PSACH and EDM1 \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002717051 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 22366901 PubMed ID: 12479386  
 TITLE: The murine COMP (cartilage oligomeric matrix protein) promoter contains a potent transcriptional repressor region.  
 AUTHOR: Han F; Kipnes J R; Li Y; Tuan R S; Hall D J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Cartilage Biology and Orthopaedics Branch, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, NIH, MSC 5755, Bldg 13, Rm 3W17, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, USA.  
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AB OBJECTIVE: A subgroup of patients with pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) have been found to harbor mutations within the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) gene. These two diseases are autosomal dominant disorders that are characterized by an early onset of osteoarthritis (OA). The COMP gene is expressed primarily in \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* as well as in tendon and ligament. Therefore, control over tissue specific COMP expression may be an important aspect in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* biology. To begin an analysis of the regulation of COMP expression, we have cloned, sequenced and characterized the entire genomic clone for mouse COMP that includes the COMP promoter. METHODS AND RESULTS: The COMP coding region spans 19 exons over approximately 8.4 kb of DNA. The arrangement and size of the exons have a remarkable similarity to those of the human COMP genomic sequence, indicating a significant degree of genomic conservation. Analysis of a 453 basepair region of the putative COMP promoter reveals two strong transcriptional repressor elements located between position -356 and -304 and between -251 and -180, relative to the start site for transcription. These repressor elements down-regulate transcription from the promoter in a broad spectrum of cell lines. Removal of the repressor DNA sequence from the COMP promoter leads to significant enhancement in transcriptional activity, indicating that this region acts in a dominant manner to transcriptional activators located more proximal to the start site of transcription. This region also represses transcription when linked to a heterologous promoter. CONCLUSIONS: This repressor region probably down-regulates transcription from the COMP promoter in vivo. It may help to repress transcription of COMP in non-cartilaginous tissues and/or may aid in the expression of COMP to the appropriate level in tissues such as \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, tendon and ligament.

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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 22176769 PubMed ID: 12189245  
 TITLE: Pseudoachondroplasia is caused through both intra- and extracellular pathogenic pathways.  
 AUTHOR: Dinser Robert; Zaucke Frank; Kreppel Florian; Hultenby Kjell; Kochanek Stefan; Paulsson Mats; Maurer Patrik  
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AB Pseudoachondroplasia is a dominantly inherited chondrodysplasia associated with mutations in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP). Investigations into the pathogenesis of pseudoachondroplasia are hampered by its rarity. We developed a cell culture model by expressing mutant COMP in bovine primary

\*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* using a gutless adenoviral vector. We show that mutant COMP exerts its deleterious effects through both intracellular and extracellular pathogenic pathways. Overexpression of mutant COMP led to a dose-dependent decrease in cellular viability. The secretion of mutant COMP was markedly delayed, presumably due to a prolonged association with chaperones in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER). The ECM lacked organized \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* fibers and showed amorphous aggregates formed by mutant COMP. Thus, pseudoachondroplasia appears to be an ER storage disease, most likely caused by improper folding of mutant COMP. The growth failure of affected patients may be explained by an increased cell death of growth-plate \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. Dominant interference of the mutant protein on \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* fiber assembly could contribute to the observed failure of the ECM of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and tendons.

L26 ANSWER 7 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 6  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002466595 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 22213800 PubMed ID: 12225811  
 TITLE: Matrix-matrix interaction of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein and fibronectin.  
 AUTHOR: Di Cesare Paul E; Chen Frank S; Moergelin Matthias; Carlson Cathy S; Leslie Michael P; Perris Roberto; Fang Carrie  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Musculoskeletal Research Center, NYU-Hospital for Joint Diseases Department of Orthopedic Surgery, 301 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10030, USA.. pedicesare@aol.com  
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AB Recent work indicates that \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) plays an important role in extracellular matrix assembly and matrix-matrix protein interactions. In order to identify the proteins in extracellular matrix that interact with COMP, we used an ELISA-based solid-phase binding assay, which revealed a specific, high-affinity interaction between COMP and fibronectin. This interaction is concentration-dependent and saturable, and appears to occur under physiologically relevant conditions. Electron microscopy after negative staining and fragment binding analysis using the solid-phase assay revealed a predominant binding site for the COMP C-terminal globular domain to a molecular domain approximately 14 nm from the N-terminal domain of fibronectin, which can be inhibited by the presence of a polyclonal antibody specific for the C-terminal heptadecapeptide of COMP. This interaction is further demonstrated in vivo by colocalization of both COMP and fibronectin in the \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* pericellular matrix by laser confocal microscopy of \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* grown in agarose culture, and by appositional and colocalization of these proteins in the growth plate of primates by immunohistochemistry.  
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 TITLE: Molecular analysis of expansion, differentiation, and growth factor treatment of human chondrocytes identifies differentiation markers and growth-related genes  
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 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, 69118, Germany  
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AB This study is intended to optimize expansion and differentiation of cultured human chondrocytes by growth factor application and to identify mol. markers to monitor their differentiation state. The authors

dissected the mol. consequences of matrix release, monolayer, and 3D-alginate culture, growth factor optimized expansion, and re-differentiation protocols by gene expression anal. Among 15 common cartilage mols. assessed by cDNA array, six proved best to monitor differentiation. Instant down-regulation at release of cells from the matrix was strongest for COL 2A1, fibromodulin, and PRELP while LUM, CHI3L1, and CHI3L2 were expansion-related. Both gene sets reflected the physiol. effects of the most potent growth-inducing (PDGF-BB) and proteoglycan-inducing (BMP-4) factors. Only CRTAC1 expression correlated with 2D/3D switches while the mol. phenotype of native chondrocytes was not restored. The markers and optimized protocols the suggested can help to improve cell therapy of cartilage defects and chondrocyte differentiation from stem cell sources.

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TITLE: The mechanosensitivity of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP).

AUTHOR: Giannoni P.; Siegrist M.; Hunziker E.B.; Wong M.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21656885 PubMed ID: 11798989

TITLE: Autologous chondrocyte transplantation. Biomechanics and long-term durability.

AUTHOR: Peterson Lars; Brittberg Mats; Kiviranta Ilkka; Akerlund Evy Lundgren; Lindahl Anders

CORPORATE SOURCE: Gothenburg Medical Center, Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden.

SOURCE: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SPORTS MEDICINE, (2002 Jan-Feb) 30 (1) 2-12.

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AB We evaluated the durability of autologous \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* transplantation grafts in 61 patients treated for isolated \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* defects on the femoral condyle or the patella and followed up for a mean of 7.4 years (range, 5 to 11). Durability was determined by comparing the clinical status at the long-term follow-up with that found 2 years after the transplantation. After 2 years, 50 of the 61 patients had good or excellent clinical results, and 51 of 61 had good or excellent results at 5 to 11 years later. Grafted areas from 11

of the patients were evaluated with an electromechanical indentation probe during a second-look arthroscopy procedure (mean follow-up, 8 months; range, 33 to 84); stiffness measurements were 90% or more of those of normal \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* in eight patients. Eight of twelve 2-mm biopsy samples taken from these patients showed hyaline characteristics with safranin O staining and a homogeneous appearance in polarized light. Three fibrous and eight hyaline biopsy specimens stained positive to aggrecan and to \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*. Hyaline-like specimens stained positive for type II \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*, and fibrous, for type I \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*. Autologous \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* transplantation for the treatment of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* injuries has a durable outcome for as long as 11 years.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001322835 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21127441 PubMed ID: 11223338  
 TITLE: Analysis of the promoter region of human cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP).  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
 (COMP) is an extracellular matrix protein expressed in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, ligament, and tendon. The importance of COMP in the matrix of these cells is underscored by the discovery that mutations in COMP cause the skeletal dysplasias, pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (EDM1). Here, we present the first report on the analysis of the human COMP promoter region in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, ligament, and tendon cells. A 1.7-kb region of the COMP promoter has been cloned and sequenced and no TATA or CAAT boxes were found. Primer extension identified multiple transcription start sites. All four transcription start sites were utilized in \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* with only three of them utilized in tendon and ligament cells. Differential regulation was observed for different parts of this 1.7-kb region with the 370-bp proximal region conveying the strongest promoter activity. The highest activity was observed in tendon and ligament. Finally, we provide evidence that the DNA binding protein SP1 plays a role in the regulation of COMP expression. These results indicate that COMP expression within these cells is regulated in a unique manner that differs from the expression of other extracellular matrix genes.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001640896 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21550102 PubMed ID: 11691584  
 TITLE: Selective intracellular retention of extracellular matrix proteins and chaperones associated with pseudoachondroplasia.  
 AUTHOR: Vranka J; Mokashi A; Keene D R; Tufa S; Corson G; Sussman M; Horton W A; Maddox K; Sakai L; Bachinger H P  
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AB Mutations in the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
 (COMP) gene result in pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH), which



is a chondrodysplasia characterized by early-onset osteoarthritis and short stature. COMP is a secreted pentameric glycoprotein that belongs to the thrombospondin family of proteins. We have identified a novel missense mutation which substitutes a glycine for an aspartic acid residue in the thrombospondin (TSP) type 3 calcium-binding domain of COMP in a patient diagnosed with PSACH. Immunohistochemistry and immunoelectron microscopy both show abnormal retention of COMP within characteristically enlarged rER inclusions of PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*, as well as retention of fibromodulin, decorin and types IX, XI and XII

\*\*\*collagen\*\*\*. Aggrecan and types II and VI \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* were not retained intracellularly within the same cells. In addition to selective extracellular matrix components, the chaperones HSP47, protein disulfide isomerase (PDI) and calnexin were localized at elevated levels within the rER vesicles of PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*, suggesting that they may play a role in the cellular retention of mutant COMP molecules. Whether the aberrant rER inclusions in PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* are a direct consequence of chaperone-mediated retention of mutant COMP or are otherwise due to selective intracellular protein interactions, which may in turn lead to aggregation within the rER, is unclear. However, our data demonstrate that retention of mutant COMP molecules results in the selective retention of ECM molecules and molecular chaperones, indicating the existence of distinct secretory pathways or ER-sorting mechanisms for matrix molecules, a process mediated by their association with various molecular chaperones.

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MEDLINE

DUPLICATE 10

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002026731 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21363816 PubMed ID: 11470401  
TITLE: Calreticulin, PDI, Grp94 and BiP chaperone proteins are associated with retained COMP in pseudoachondroplasia chondrocytes.  
AUTHOR: Hecht J T; Hayes E; Snuggs M; Decker G; Montufar-Solis D; Doege K; Mwalli F; Poole R; Stevens J; Duke P J  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), a large pentameric glycoprotein and member of the thrombospondin (TSP) group of extracellular proteins, is found in the territorial matrix surrounding \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. More than 50 unique COMP mutations have been identified as causing two skeletal dysplasias: pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH); and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (EDM1). Recent studies suggest that calcium-binding and calcium-induced protein folding differ between wild type and mutant proteins, and abnormal processing of the mutant COMP protein contributes to the characteristic enlarged lamellar appearing rER cisternae in PSACH and EDM1 \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in vivo and in vitro. Towards the goal of delineating the pathogenesis of PSACH and EDM1, in-vivo PSACH growth plate and in-vitro PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* cultured in alginate beads were examined to identify and localize the chaperone proteins participating in the processing of the retained extracellular matrix proteins in the PSACH rER. Aggrecan was localized to both the rER cisternae and matrix while COMP and type IX \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* were only found in the rER. Type II \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* was solely found in the ECM suggesting that it is processed and transported differently from other retained ECM proteins. Five chaperone proteins: BiP (Grp78); calreticulin (CRT); protein disulfide (PDI); ERp72; and Grp94, demonstrated immunoreactivity in the enlarged PSACH cisternae and the short rER channels of \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* from both in-vivo and in-vitro samples. The chaperone proteins cluster around the electron dense material within the enlarged rER cisternae. CRT, PDI and GRP94 AB-gold particles appear to be closely associated with COMP. Immunoprecipitation and western blot, and Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) analyses indicate that CRT, PDI and GRP94 are in close proximity to normal and mutant COMP and BiP to mutant COMP. These results suggest that these proteins play a role in the processing and transport of wild type COMP in normal \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* and in the retention of mutant COMP in PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.



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MEDLINE

DUPLICATE

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001431622 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21372013 PubMed ID: 11478845  
 TITLE: Chondrogenic differentiation of mesenchymal stem cells from bone marrow: differentiation-dependent gene expression of matrix components.  
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AB Transforming growth factor (TGF)-beta-induced chondrogenesis of \*\*\*mesenchymal\*\*\* stem\*\*\* cells\*\*\* derived from bone marrow involves the rapid deposition of a \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* -specific extracellular matrix. The sequential events in this pathway leading from the undifferentiated stem cell to a mature \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* were investigated by analysis of key matrix elements. Differentiation was rapidly induced in cells cultured in the presence of TGF-beta 3 or -beta 2 and was accompanied by the early expression of fibromodulin and \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric\*\*\* matrix\*\*\* protein\*\*\*. An increase in aggrecan and versican core protein synthesis defined an intermediate stage, which also involved the small leucine-rich proteoglycans decorin and biglycan. This was followed by the appearance of type II \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* and chondroadherin. The pathway was also characterized by the appearance of type X \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*, usually associated with hypertrophic \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. There was also a change in the pattern of sulfation of chondroitin sulfate, with a progressive increase in the proportion of 6-sulfated species. The major proportion of newly synthesized glycosaminoglycan was part of an aggregating proteoglycan network. These data allow us to define the phenotype of the differentiated cell and to understand in greater detail the sequential process of matrix assembly.  
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MEDLINE

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001349628 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21305865 PubMed ID: 11412822  
 TITLE: Cartilage and bone biological markers in the synovial fluid of osteoarthritic patients after hyaluronan injections in the knee.  
 AUTHOR: Herrero-Beaumont G; Guerrero R; Sanchez-Pernaute O; Acebes C; Palacios I; Mas S; Rodriguez I; Egido J; Vivanco F  
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AB OBJECTIVE: To evaluate synovial fluid levels of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and bone biological markers after repetitive intra-articular injections of sodium hyaluronate (HA) in knee osteoarthritis (OA) patients. METHODS: Twenty patients with knee OA were evaluated before and after 5 weekly injections of HA. To study \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and bone biological markers, synovial fluid and urine samples were collected simultaneously with the first (FI=week 0) and before the last injection (LI=week 4) of HA. Not commercially available markers ( \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric\*\*\* matrix\*\*\* protein\*\*\* (COMP), proteoglycan monomers and cyanogen bromide peptide 11 of the type II \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* chains (alpha (II) C11B)) were determined by an indirect inhibition ELISA developed and standardized in our laboratory. RESULTS: We found a significant reduction in levels of proteoglycan monomers (30+/-16 vs.

22+/-10 microg/ml,  $p < 0.05$ ), an increase in COMP concentration (2.9+/-0.9 vs. 3.6+/-0.9 microg/ml,  $p < 0.05$ ) and osteocalcin (BGP) level (8.7+/-8 vs. 11.9+/-9 ng/ml,  $p < 0.05$ ). No significant changes were observed in the levels of alpha (II)CB11B, metalloproteinase-1 (MMP-1) or pyridinium cross-link/creatinine (Pyr/Cr). CONCLUSIONS: HA could elicit an indirect response on the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and bone metabolism due to the increased overuse of the joint caused by the analgesic effect of HA. However, a direct HA action on the metabolism of \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* must not be ruled out.

L26 ANSWER 16 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 13  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001439865 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21378166 PubMed ID: 11485547  
 TITLE: \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) and \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* IX are  
 sensitive markers for the differentiation state of  
 articular primary \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.  
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AB Primary \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* dedifferentiate in serial monolayer with  
 respect to their morphological and biosynthetic phenotype. They change  
 from a round to a flattened fibroblast-like shape, and \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*  
 I is secreted instead of the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* -specific \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*  
 II. We analysed in detail the time course of dedifferentiation of mature  
 bovine articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in monolayer for up to 32 weeks.  
 Assessment of RNA expression by reverse transcription-PCR led to the  
 identification of two novel phenotypical markers, the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) and  
 \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* IX, which are down-regulated faster than the widely  
 accepted marker, \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* II. The different kinetics of COMP  
 and \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* expression suggest differential regulation at the  
 level of transcription. Immunostaining and metabolic labelling  
 experiments confirmed the switch in the \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* expression  
 pattern and the rapid down-regulation of de novo synthesis of COMP and  
 \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* IX. Culture of \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in a  
 three-dimensional matrix is known to stabilize the chondrocytic phenotype.  
 We maintained cells for up to 28 weeks in an alginate bead system, which  
 prevented dedifferentiation and led to a stabilization of \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*  
 and COMP expression. Immunohistochemical analysis of the alginate beads  
 revealed a similar distribution of matrix proteins to that found in vivo.  
 \*\*\*Chondrocytes\*\*\* were transferred after a variable length of monolayer  
 culture into the alginate matrix and the potential for redifferentiation  
 was investigated. The re-expression of COMP and \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* IX was  
 differentially regulated. The expression of COMP was re-induced within  
 days after transfer into the three-dimensional matrix, while the  
 expression of \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* IX was irreversibly down-regulated. In  
 summary, these results demonstrate that the potential for  
 redifferentiation decreases with increasing length of monolayer culture  
 and show that the alginate bead system represents an attractive in vitro  
 model to study the \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* de- and re-differentiation  
 processes, as well as extracellular matrix assembly.

L26 ANSWER 17 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 14  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000122597 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20122597 PubMed ID: 10655510  
 TITLE: A mutation in the alpha 3 chain of type IX collagen causes  
 autosomal dominant multiple epiphyseal dysplasia with mild  
 myopathy.  
 AUTHOR: Bonnemann C G; Cox G F; Shapiro F; Wu J J; Feener C A;  
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 Boston, MA 02115, USA.  
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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (2000 Feb 1) 97 (3) 1212-7.

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AB Multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) is a degenerative \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* condition shown in some cases to be caused by mutations in genes encoding \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* or type IX \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*. We studied a family with autosomal dominant MED affecting predominantly the knee joints and a mild proximal myopathy. Genetic linkage to the COL9A3 locus on chromosome 20q13.3 was established with a peak log(10) odds ratio for linkage score of 3.87 for markers D20S93 and D20S164. Reverse transcription-PCR performed on the muscle biopsy revealed aberrant mRNA lacking exon 3, which predicted a protein lacking 12 amino acids from the COL3 domain of alpha3(IX) \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*. Direct sequencing of genomic DNA confirmed the presence of a splice acceptor mutation in intron 2 of the COL9A3 gene (intervening sequence 2, G-A, -1) only in affected family members. By electron microscopy, \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* from epiphyseal \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* exhibited dilated rough endoplasmic reticulum containing linear lamellae of alternating electron-dense and electron-lucent material, reflecting abnormal processing of mutant protein. Type IX \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* chains appeared normal in size and quantity but showed defective cross-linking by western blotting. The novel phenotype of MED and mild myopathy is likely caused by a dominant-negative effect of the exon 3-skipping mutation in the COL9A3 gene. Patients with MED and a waddling gait but minimal radiographic hip involvement should be evaluated for a primary myopathy and a mutation in type IX \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 18 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 15  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001070110 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 21003353 PubMed ID: 11117291  
 TITLE: Expression of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) by embryonic and adult osteoblasts.  
 AUTHOR: Di Cesare P E; Fang C; Leslie M P; Tulli H; Perris R; Carlson C S  
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 CONTRACT NUMBER: R01-RR14099 (NCCR)  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* has been implicated as an important component of endochondral ossification because of its direct effects on \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. The importance of this protein for skeletal development and growth has been recently illustrated by the identification of mutations in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric protein genes in two types of inherited chondrodysplasias and osteoarthritic phenotypes: multiple epiphyseal dysplasia and pseudoachondroplasia. In the present study, we report the presence of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric protein in embryonic and adult osteoblasts. A foot from a 21-week-old human fetus, subchondral bone obtained from knee replacement surgery in an adult patient, and a limb from a 19-day-postcoital mouse embryo were analyzed with immunostaining and in situ hybridization. In the human fetal foot, \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric protein was localized to osteoblasts of the bone collar and at the newly formed bone at the growth plate and bone diaphyses. Immunostaining was performed on the adult subchondral bone and showed positive intracellular staining for \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric protein of the osteoblasts lining the trabecular bone. There was no staining of the osteocytes. Immunostaining of the mouse limb showed the most intense staining for \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric protein in the hypertrophic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* and in the surrounding osteoblast cells of the developing bone. \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric protein mRNA and protein were detected in an osteoblast cell line (MG-63), and \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*

oligomeric protein mRNA was detected from human cancellous bone RNA. These results suggest that altered structure of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* oligomeric protein by the mutations seen in pseudoachondroplasia and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia may have direct effects on osteoblasts, contributing to the pathogenesis of these genetic disorders.

L26 ANSWER 19 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 16  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000397422 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20391398 PubMed ID: 10937619  
TITLE: Chondrocyte-specific enhancer regions in the COMP gene.  
AUTHOR: Issack P S; Fang C; Leslie M P; Di Cesare P E  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Musculoskeletal Research Center, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, New York University Medical Center-Hospital for Joint Diseases, New York 10003, USA.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH, (2000 May) 18 (3) 345-50.  
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AB The molecular events governing the differentiation of mesenchymal cells into \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* and the expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* marker genes are poorly understood. \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* is a noncollagenous extracellular matrix protein with a relatively \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* -specific spatial and temporal expression pattern. To understand the mechanisms controlling \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* -specific expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*, we cloned 1.9 kb of the 5' flanking promoter sequence of the murine \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* gene and identified two spatially distant \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* -specific enhancer regions by deletion analysis. One element is situated proximally (proximal positive element: -125 to -75) and a second region is located distally (distal positive region: -1925 to -592) relative to the transcription start site. Interestingly, nucleotides within the proximal positive element are conserved between the mouse and human promoters and resemble consensus sites for the binding of members of the high mobility group class of transcription factors. Defining \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* -specific regulatory elements in the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* promoter may provide useful molecular probes for identifying transcription factors that control acquisition of the chondrocytic phenotype.

L26 ANSWER 20 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 17  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000464083 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20469946 PubMed ID: 11013461  
TITLE: Delta 469 mutation in the type 3 repeat calcium binding domain of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) disrupts calcium binding.  
AUTHOR: Hou J; Putkey J A; Hecht J T  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Texas Houston Medical School, Houston, USA.  
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Journal code: 8006226. ISSN: 0143-4160.  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP/TSP5), a large glycoprotein found in the territorial matrix surrounding \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*, is the fifth member of the thrombospondin (TSP) gene family. While the function of COMP is unknown, its importance is underscored by the finding that mutations in the highly conserved type 3 repeat domain causes two skeletal dysplasias. Pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and Multiple Epiphyseal Dysplasia, Fairbanks type (EDM1). The type 3 repeats are highly conserved low-affinity Ca(2+) binding domains that are found in all TSP genes. This study was undertaken to determine the effects of mutations on calcium binding and structure of the type 3 repeat domains. wild-type (WT) and Delta469

recombinant COMP (rCOMP) proteins containing the entire calcium-binding domain were expressed in E. coli and purified. Equilibrium dialysis demonstrated that WT bound 10-12 Ca(2+) ions/molecule while Delta469 bound approximately half the Ca(2+) ions. Circular dichroism (CD) spectrometry had striking spectral changes for the WT in response to increasing concentrations of Ca(2+). These CD spectral changes were cooperative and reversible. In contrast, a large CD spectral change was not observed at any Ca(2+) concentration for Delta469. Moreover, both WT and Delta469 proteins produced similar CD spectral changes when titrated with Zn(2+), Cu(2+) and Ni(2+) indicating that the Delta469 mutation specifically affects only calcium binding. These results suggest that the Delta469 mutation, in the type 3 repeat region, interferes with Ca(2+) binding and that filling of all Ca(2+) binding loops may be critical for correct COMP protein conformation.

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L26 ANSWER 21 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 18  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000068043 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20068043 PubMed ID: 10601736  
 TITLE: Distribution of cartilage molecules in the developing mouse joint.  
 AUTHOR: Murphy J M; Heinegard R; McIntosh A; Sterchi D; Barry F P  
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 SOURCE: MATRIX BIOLOGY, (1999 Oct) 18 (5) 487-97.  
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AB This study describes the precise spatial and temporal patterns of protein distribution for aggrecan, fibromodulin, \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) and  
 \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* matrix protein (CMP) in the developing mouse limb with particular attention to those cells destined to form articular  
 \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in comparison to those cells destined to form a mineralized tissue and become replaced by bone. Mouse glenohumeral joints from fetal mice (12-18 days post coitus (dpc) to the young adult (37 days after birth) were immunostained with antibodies specific for these molecules. Aggrecan staining defined the general chondrocytic phenotype, whether articular or transient. Fibromodulin was associated with prechondrocytic mesenchymal cells in the interzone prior to joint cavitation and with the mesenchymal cells of the perichondrium or the periosteum encapsulating the joint elements of the maturing and young adult limb. Staining was most intense around developing articular  
 \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* and much less abundant or absent in those differentiating cells along the anlage. CMP showed an almost reciprocal staining pattern to fibromodulin and was not detected in the matrix surrounding articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. COMP was not detected in the cells at the articular surface prior to cavitation but by 18 dpc, as coordinated movement of the mouse forelimb intensifies, staining for COMP was most intense around the maturing articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. These results show that the cells that differentiate into articular  
 \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* elaborate an extracellular matrix distinct from those cells that are destined to form bone. Fibromodulin may function in the early genesis of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and COMP may be associated with elaboration of a weight-bearing \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* matrix.

L26 ANSWER 22 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 19  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999303228 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99303228 PubMed ID: 10376735  
 TITLE: Localization and expression of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein by human rheumatoid and osteoarthritic synovium and cartilage.  
 AUTHOR: Di Cesare P E; Fang C; Leslie M P; Della Valle C J; Gold J M; Tulli H; Perris R; Carlson C S  
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AB Synovium and \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* from patients with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis were analyzed for expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*. Immunostaining of synovium with antiserum to \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* demonstrated positive staining in both diseases. In osteoarthritis, there was positive staining within the synovial cells and immediately subjacent connective tissue, with less intense staining in the deeper connective tissue. In rheumatoid arthritis, there was less intense staining within the synovial cells and marked intense staining in the deeper connective tissue. In situ hybridization performed with an antisense digoxigenin-labeled riboprobe to human \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* confirmed the presence of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* mRNA in the cells of the synovial lining in both types of synovium. Quantitative polymerase chain reaction with a \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* MIMIC demonstrated increased \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* mRNA in rheumatoid \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and synovium as compared with osteoarthritic \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and synovium, respectively; mRNA levels in rheumatoid synovium were similar to those from osteoarthritic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. As a result of the high expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* from rheumatoid synovium, inflammatory synovium should be considered as a potential tissue source of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* in any investigation of biological markers of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* metabolism. The upregulated expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* in inflammatory tissues suggests its in vivo regulation by cytokines.

L26 ANSWER 23 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 20  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999444774 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99444774 PubMed ID: 10517186  
TITLE: Cyclic compression of articular cartilage explants is associated with progressive consolidation and altered expression pattern of extracellular matrix proteins.  
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SOURCE: MATRIX BIOLOGY, (1999 Aug) 18 (4) 391-9.  
Journal code: 9432592. ISSN: 0945-053x.  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
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AB In this study, we investigated the biosynthetic response of full thickness, adult bovine articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* explants to 45 h of static and cyclic unconfined compression. The cyclic compression of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* resulted in a progressive consolidation of the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* matrix. The oscillatory loading increased protein synthesis ([35S]methionine incorporation) by as much as 50% above free swelling control values, but had an inhibitory influence on proteoglycan synthesis ([35S04] incorporation). As expected, static compression was associated with a dose-dependent decrease in biosynthetic activity. ECM oligomeric proteins which were most affected by mechanical loading were fibronectin and \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP). Static compression at all amplitudes caused a significant increase in fibronectin synthesis over free swelling control levels. Cyclic compression of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* at 0.1 Hz and higher was consistently associated with a dramatic increase in the synthesis of COMP as well as fibronectin. The biosynthetic activity of \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* appears to be sensitive to both the frequency and amplitude of the applied load. The results of this study support the hypothesis that \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* tissue can remodel its extracellular matrix in response to alterations in functional demand.

L26 ANSWER 24 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 21

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999105925 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99105925 PubMed ID: 9887340  
 TITLE: Trinucleotide expansion mutations in the cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) gene.  
 AUTHOR: Delot E; King L M; Briggs M D; Wilcox W R; Cohn D H  
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 CONTRACT NUMBER: AR43139 (NIAMS)  
 SOURCE: HUMAN MOLECULAR GENETICS, (1999 Jan) 8 (1) 123-8.  
 Journal code: 9208958. ISSN: 0964-6906.  
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AB Pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia (MED) are two human autosomal dominant skeletal dysplasias characterized by variable short stature, joint laxity and early-onset degenerative joint disease. Both disorders can result from mutations in the gene for \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), an extracellular matrix glycoprotein. About one-third of PSACH cases result from heterozygosity for deletion of one codon within a very short triplet repeat, (GAC)5, which encodes five consecutive aspartic acid residues within the calmodulin-like region of the COMP protein. We have identified two expansion mutations in this repeat: an MED patient carrying a (GAC)6 allele and a PSACH patient carrying a (GAC)7 allele. These are among the shortest disease-causing triplet repeat expansion mutations described thus far, and are the first identified in a GAC repeat. A unique feature of this sequence is that expansion as well as shortening of the repeat can cause the same disease. In \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, both patients have rough endoplasmic reticulum inclusions in \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. The inclusions are also present in tendon tissue and can be reproduced in cultured tendon cells, suggesting that the pathophysiology of disease is similar in both \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and tendon.

L26 ANSWER 25 OF 45 MEDLINE  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000304130 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20304130 PubMed ID: 10847517  
 TITLE: Pseudoachondroplastic dysplasia: an Iowa review from human to mouse.  
 AUTHOR: Stevens J W  
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 SOURCE: IOWA ORTHOPAEDIC JOURNAL, (1999) 19 53-65. Ref: 68  
 Journal code: 8908272.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
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AB Lamellar inclusions of the rough endoplasmic reticulum in growth plate \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*, first identified (1972) in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Iowa, has become the cytochemical hallmark for the pseudoachondroplastic dysplasia (PSACH) phenotype, linking an endoplasmic reticulum storage disorder with the osteochondrodysplasia. Since this original observation, great advances have been made, leading to the molecular understanding of this altered longitudinal bone growth anomaly. A PSACH canine model suggested that abatement of cumulative vertical growth of growth plate \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* seen in PSACH results from (1) altered extracellular matrix constraints for horizontal growth and (2) uncoupling of endochondral and perichondral growth that causes metaphyseal flaring. PSACH, an autosomal dominant disease, is linked to mutation of the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) gene. Amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions is proposed to alter COMP structure that cause its retention in the rough



endoplasmic reticulum of growth plate \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*, leading to (1) compositional and structural change of the extracellular matrix, and (2) altered cellular proliferation and volume expansion. Normal growth and development occurs in COMP gene knockout mice that do not synthesize COMP, demonstrating that a mutant COMP, not absence of COMP, is required for the PSACH phenotype. The mechanism by which mutant COMP induces a PSACH phenotype remains to be elucidated. At the University of Iowa a cell culture system has been developed whereby mutant COMP transgenes are introduced into \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* and the expressed product COMP is retained in the endoplasmic reticulum. This readily manipulated system makes it possible to decipher systematically the system's cellular secretory processing pathway, in order to clarify the mechanism(s) by which the mutant COMP is retained within the endoplasmic reticulum. Concurrent with this is the development of transgenic mice expressing the mutant COMP used in the cell culture system. This will make it possible to establish that expression of a human PSACH-linked mutant COMP will produce a PSACH phenotype. A PSACH animal model will provide a means to characterize the mechanism of altered longitudinal bone growth and to test gene therapy approaches for correcting the anomaly.

L26 ANSWER 26 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 22  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998434583 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98434583 PubMed ID: 9756911  
 TITLE: Physiological and pathological secretion of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein by cells in culture.  
 AUTHOR: Delort E; Brodie S G; King L M; Wilcox W R; Cohn D H  
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AB Abnormalities in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), a pentameric structural protein of the  
 \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* extracellular matrix, have been identified in  
 pseudoachondroplasia and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia, two human  
 autosomal dominant osteochondrodysplasias. However, the function of the  
 protein remains unknown. With the goal of establishing a model to study  
 the mechanisms by which COMP mutations cause disease, we have analyzed  
 synthesis and secretion of COMP in cultured \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*  
 tendon, and ligament cells. Pentameric protein detected inside of control  
 cells suggested that pentamerization is an intracellular process. Patient  
 cells expressed mutant and normal RNA and secreted COMP at levels similar  
 to controls, suggesting that abnormal pentamers are likely to be found in  
 the extracellular matrix. Inclusions within patient \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
 stained with anti-COMP antibodies, and cultured cells presented similar  
 inclusions, indicating that presumably abnormal COMP pentamers are less  
 efficiently secreted than normal molecules. We conclude that the COMP  
 disorders are likely to result from a combination of a decreased amount of  
 COMP in the matrix and a dominant negative effect due to the presence of  
 abnormal pentamers in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 27 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 23  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998288698 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98288698 PubMed ID: 9627009  
 TITLE: Regulation of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* synthesis in human  
 synovial cells and articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.  
 AUTHOR: Recklies A D; Baillargeon L; White C  
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 SOURCE: ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM, (1998 Jun) 41 (6) 997-1006.  
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AB OBJECTIVE: \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\*  
\*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) is a component of the extracellular matrix of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. Its increased presence in synovial fluid and serum has been associated with accelerated joint damage in patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and osteoarthritis. To fully understand the reasons for fluctuations of COMP levels, we studied the biosynthesis of this molecule in cells derived from joint tissues. METHODS: Synovial cells were derived from synovial tissues of patients with RA, and human articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* were prepared from normal articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. Analysis by Northern blotting was used to evaluate steady-state levels of COMP messenger RNA (mRNA), while secretion of the protein into culture media was analyzed by Western blotting. Expression of COMP in synovial tissues was studied by reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction analysis and by in situ hybridization. RESULTS: COMP was synthesized and secreted by synovial cells as well as by articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in culture. The basal rate of synthesis was very low; however, COMP biosynthesis in both cell populations was induced very strongly by transforming growth factor beta1 (TGFbeta1). Interleukin-1beta counteracted COMP induction by TGF-beta1. COMP was not detected in culture media of skin or fetal lung fibroblasts, either in the absence or the presence of TGFbeta1. COMP mRNA was also present in fresh synovial tissue specimens obtained from patients with RA. CONCLUSION: COMP is synthesized and secreted not only by articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* but also by synovial fibroblasts. The demonstration of COMP expression in surgical specimens of synovial tissues suggests that the inflamed synovium may provide an additional source for the elevated levels of COMP observed in arthritis. Thus, increased COMP levels in body fluids may be indicative of active synovitis as well as of accelerated joint erosion.

L26 ANSWER 28 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 24  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998378148 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98378148 PubMed ID: 9714346  
TITLE: Analysis of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) in synovial fibroblasts and synovial fluids.  
AUTHOR: Hummel K M; Neidhart M; Vilim V; Hauser N; Aicher W K; Gay R E; Gay S; Hauselmann H J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Center for Experimental Rheumatology, University Hospital, Zurich, Switzerland.  
SOURCE: BRITISH JOURNAL OF RHEUMATOLOGY, (1998 Jul) 37 (7) 721-8. Journal code: 8302415. ISSN: 0263-7103.  
PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Abridged Index Medicus Journals; Priority Journals  
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AB We investigated the expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) in normal and rheumatoid arthritis (RA) synovial fibroblasts. In situ hybridization (ISH) was conducted on synovial specimens from five RA patients applying specific probes for COMP or fibroblast \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type I. ISH was combined with immunohistochemistry, applying antibodies to the macrophage marker CD68. Ribonuclease protection assay (RPA) and rapid amplification of 3'-CDNA ends (3'-RACE) were performed on total RNA from normal and RA synovial fibroblast cultures. Protein extracts from fibroblasts and culture supernatants were compared with synovial fluids and protein extracts from isolated \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* by Western blot utilizing polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies (18-G3 mAb) to COMP. COMP mRNA was detected in fibroblasts of RA synovium by ISH, and in normal and RA synovial fibroblast cultures by RPA. 3'-RACE demonstrated sequence homology of \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* and synovial fibroblast COMP along the coding sequence. COMP protein was detected in synovial fibroblasts and culture supernatants by immunoblot. Using polyclonal antibodies, the major portion of COMP from fibroblasts and culture supernatants was present as low-molecular-weight (LMW) bands, corresponding to those found in synovial fluids. These LMW COMP bands, however, were not detected in any of the cells or tissues tested using 18-G3 mAb. In protein extracts from \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* and in COMP purified from \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, these LMW bands could not be detected. In conclusion, the data suggest that

certain forms of COMP detected in synovial fluid are secreted from synovial fibroblasts and could be distinguished by specific markers from COMP secreted by \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 29 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 25  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999120530 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99120530 PubMed ID: 9923655  
TITLE: Retention of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\*  
\*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) and cell death in  
redifferentiated pseudoachondroplasia \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*  
AUTHOR: Hecht J T; Montufar-Solis D; Decker G; Lawler J; Daniels K;  
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SOURCE: MATRIX BIOLOGY, (1998 Dec) 17 (8-9) 625-33.  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
(COMP) is a large extracellular glycoprotein that is found in the  
territorial matrix surrounding \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. Two skeletal  
dysplasias, pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia  
(EDM1) are caused by mutations in the calcium binding domains of COMP. In  
this study, we identified two PSACH mutations and assessed the effect of  
these mutations on redifferentiated \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* structure and  
function. We confirmed, in vitro, that COMP is retained in enormous  
cisternae of the rough endoplasmic reticulum (rER) and relatively absent  
in the PSACH matrix. The rER accumulation may compromise  
\*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* function, leading to \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* death.  
Moreover, while COMP appears to be deficient in the PSACH matrix, the  
matrix appeared to be normal but the over-all quantity was reduced. These  
results suggest that the abnormality in linear growth in PSACH may result  
from decreased \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* numbers which would also affect the  
amount of matrix produced.

L26 ANSWER 30 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 26  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999275245 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99275245 PubMed ID: 10343777  
TITLE: Production of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) by  
cultured human dermal and synovial fibroblasts.  
AUTHOR: Dodge G R; Hawkins D; Boesler E; Sakai L; Jimenez S A  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University,  
Philadelphia, PA 19107, USA.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: AR-39740 (NIAMS)  
SOURCE: OSTEOARTHRITIS AND CARTILAGE, (1998 Nov) 6 (6) 435-40.  
Journal code: 9305697. ISSN: 1063-4584.  
PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
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AB OBJECTIVE: \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\*  
\*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) is a large disulfide-linked pentameric protein.  
Each of its five subunits is approximately 100,000 Da in molecular weight.  
COMP was originally identified and characterized in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*  
and it has been considered a marker of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* metabolism  
because it is currently thought not to be present in other joint tissues,  
except for tendon. To confirm the tissue specificity of COMP expression  
we examined cultured human dermal fibroblasts, human foreskin fibroblasts,  
and normal human synovial cells for the synthesis of COMP in culture.  
METHOD: Normal synovial cells and normal human dermal foreskin fibroblasts  
were isolated from the corresponding tissues by sequential enzymatic  
digestions and cultured in media containing 10% fetal bovine serum until  
confluent. During the final 24 h of culture, the cells were labeled with  
35S-methionine and 35S-cysteine in serum- and cysteine/methionine-free  
medium. The newly synthesized COMP molecules were immunoprecipitated from

the culture media with a COMP-specific polyclonal antiserum, or with monoclonal antibodies or affinity-purified COMP antibodies. The immunoprecipitated COMP was analyzed by electrophoresis in 5% polyacrylamide gels. For other experiments, synovial cells cultured from the synovium of patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and osteoarthritis (OA) were similarly examined. RESULTS: A comparison of the amounts of COMP produced by each cell type (corrected for the DNA content) revealed that synovial cells produced > or = 9 times more COMP than \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* or dermal fibroblasts. COMP could be easily detected by immunoprecipitation in all cell types. Electrophoretic analysis revealed a distinct band with an apparent MW of 115-120 kDa in samples from each of the three cell types, regardless of the antibody used. COMP expression in cultures of synoviocytes derived from OA and RA patients showed that OA and RA synovial cells produced similar amounts of monomeric COMP of identical size to those COMP monomers produced by normal synovial cells. The addition of TGF-beta to these cultures resulted in an increase in COMP production in normal, OA and RA synovial cells (45, 116 and 115% respectively). CONCLUSION: These studies demonstrate that substantial amounts of COMP are produced by several mesenchymal cells including synoviocytes and dermal fibroblasts. These findings raise important concerns regarding the utility of measurements of COMP levels in serum or in synovial fluid as markers of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* degradation because of the likelihood that a substantial proportion of COMP or COMP fragments present in serum or synovial fluid may be produced by cells other than articular \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 31 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 27  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998420391 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98420391 PubMed ID: 9749943  
 TITLE: Characterization of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) in human normal and pseudoachondroplasia musculoskeletal tissues.  
 AUTHOR: Hecht J T; Deere M; Putnam E; Cole W; Vertel B; Chen H; Lawler J  
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 CONTRACT NUMBER: HL 49081 (NHLBI)  
 SOURCE: MATRIX BIOLOGY, (1998 Aug) 17 (4) 269-78. Journal code: 9432592. ISSN: 0945-053X.  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
 (COMP), the fifth member of the -thrombospondin gene family, is an extracellular matrix calcium-binding protein. The importance of COMP is underscored by the finding that mutations in COMP cause the human dwarfing condition, pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH). Here, we report the results of human tissue distribution and cell secretion studies of human COMP. COMP is expressed and secreted by cultured monolayer \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\*, tendon and ligament cells, and COMP secretion is not restricted to a differentiated \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* phenotype. Whereas COMP is retained in the endoplasmic reticulum that accumulates within PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in vivo, COMP is not retained intracellularly in the dedifferentiated PSACH \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in cultures. These results lend further support to the hypothesis that retention of COMP is related to the terminal PSACH \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* phenotype, processing of proteins related to extracellular matrix formation, and maintenance in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 32 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 28  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998049569 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98049569 PubMed ID: 9388247  
 TITLE: The fate of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein is determined by the cell type in the case of a novel mutation in pseudoachondroplasia.  
 AUTHOR: Maddox B K; Keene D R; Sakai L Y; Charbonneau N L; Morris N P; Ridgway C C; Boswell B A; Sussman M D; Horton W A; Bachinger H P; Hecht J T  
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 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1997 Dec 5) 272 (49) 30993-7.

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AB We have identified a novel missense mutation in a pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) patient in one of the type III repeats of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP). Enlarged lamellar rough endoplasmic reticulum vesicles were shown to contain accumulated COMP along with type IX \*\*\*collagen\*\*\*, a \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*-specific component. COMP was secreted and assembled normally into the extracellular matrix of tendon, demonstrating that the accumulation of COMP in \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* was a cell-specific phenomenon. We believe that the intracellular storage of COMP causes a nonspecific aggregation of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*-specific molecules and results in a \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* matrix deficient in required structural components leading to impaired \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* growth and maintenance. These data support a common pathogenetic mechanism behind two clinically related chondrodysplasias, PSACH and multiple epiphyseal dysplasia.

L26 ANSWER 33 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 29

ACCESSION-NUMBER: 97307954 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97307954 PubMed ID: 9164830  
 TITLE: Ultrastructural immunolocalization of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) in porcine growth cartilage.  
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 SOURCE: CALCIFIED TISSUE INTERNATIONAL, (1997 Jun) 60 (6) 547-53.  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) is a macromolecule of yet unknown function with restricted distribution among tissues. In the present study, the ultrastructural localization of COMP in porcine immature joint \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and growth plate \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* was semiquantitatively delineated. Tissues were fixed in a mixture of low concentration glutar- and paraformaldehyde, embedded at low temperature, and subjected to immunocytochemistry using polyclonal antibodies raised against bovine COMP. Protein A-coated colloidal gold was used for detection. The most intense immunolabeling for COMP was noted in the proliferative zones of the growth \*\*\*cartilages\*\*\*. Here the concentration of immunomarker was higher in the territorial compartment than in the pericellular and interterritorial areas. A low concentration of COMP was observed in the resting and hypertrophic zones. The immunolabeling for COMP did not differ between the three matrix compartments of these zones. Supported by previous data obtained by in situ hybridization, the concentration of immunolabeling in the proliferative zone indicates a high rate of COMP synthesis in proliferative \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. Hence, COMP may be considered as a marker for normal differentiation into proliferative \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 34 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 30

ACCESSION NUMBER: 97332434 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97332434 PubMed ID: 9188668  
 TITLE: Mosaicism in pseudoachondroplasia.  
 AUTHOR: Ferguson H L; Deere M; Evans R; Rotta J; Hall J G; Hecht J T  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of Texas Medical School at Houston, 77225-0708, USA.  
 SOURCE: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL GENETICS, (1997 Jun 13) 70 (3) 287-91.  
 Journal code: 7708900. ISSN: 0148-7299.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
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AB Pseudoachondroplasia (PSACH) is a spondylo-epi-metaphyseal dysplasia characterized by disproportionate short stature, generalized ligamentous laxity, and precocious osteoarthritis. PSACH is caused by mutations in the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP) gene, which codes for a noncollagenous protein expressed in the territorial matrix of \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. Autosomal dominant inheritance has been demonstrated in many families; however, autosomal recessive inheritance has been suggested in some severe familial cases. Alternatively, germline/somatic mosaicism has been proposed and is credible, since it has been shown that dominantly inherited and sporadic cases of PSACH are caused by the same genetic defect. Here, we present evidence demonstrating somatic mosaicism in two PSACH families that were originally considered to represent autosomal recessive inheritance. The results of this study suggest that autosomal recessive inheritance is unlikely and all cases of PSACH should be studied for mutations in COMP.

L26 ANSWER 35 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 31  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 97400236 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97400236 PubMed ID: 9257730  
TITLE: Expression of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein by human synovium.  
AUTHOR: Di Cesare P E; Carlson C S; Stollerman E S; Chen F S; Leslie M; Perris R  
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CONTRACT NUMBER: RR08562 (NCCR)  
SOURCE: FEBS LETTERS, (1997 Jul 21) 412 (1) 249-52. Journal code: 0155157. ISSN: 0014-5793.  
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AB Human synovium was analyzed for the possible expression of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP). Immunostaining with polyclonal antiserum to COMP demonstrated positive staining within the synovial cells and immediately subjacent connective tissue, with less intense staining in the deeper connective tissue. Western blot analysis using either polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies to human COMP confirmed the presence of COMP by immunoreactive bands with the same molecular mass (approximately 110 kDa) as purified articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* COMP. PCR using oligonucleotides that span human COMP exons 7-13 revealed identical amplification products from cDNA prepared from either human \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* or synovium. Northern blot analysis using a biotinylated-probe to human COMP, spanning exons 12-13, also reveal an identical hybridization product to either human \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* or synovium total RNA. Human synovium should be considered as a potential tissue source of COMP in any investigation of biological markers of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* metabolism.

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TITLE: REGULATION OF \*\*\*CARTILAGE\*\*\* \*\*\*OLIGOMERIC\*\*\* \*\*\*MATRIX\*\*\* \*\*\*PROTEIN\*\*\* (COMP) SYNTHESIS IN HUMAN SYNOVIAL-CELLS AND ARTICULAR \*\*\*CHONDROCYTES\*\*\*  
AUTHOR: RECKLIES A D (Reprint); BAILLARGEON L; WHITE C  
CORPORATE SOURCE: MCGILL UNIV, MONTREAL, PQ, CANADA  
COUNTRY OF AUTHOR: CANADA  
SOURCE: ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM, (SEP 1996) Vol. 39, No. 9, Supp. S, pp. 1462. ISSN: 0004-3591.  
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 TITLE: Regulation of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) synthesis in human synovial cells and articular chondrocytes.  
 AUTHOR(S): Recklies, Anneliese D.; Baillargeon, Linon; White, Chantal  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: McGill Univ., Montreal Canada  
 SOURCE: Arthritis & Rheumatism, (1996) Vol. 39, No. 9 SUPPL., pp. S271.  
 Meeting Info.: 60th National Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology and the 31st National Scientific Meeting of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals Orlando, Florida, USA October 18-22, 1996  
 ISSN: 0004-3591.  
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 LANGUAGE: English

L26 ANSWER 38 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 32  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 96228679 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96228679 PubMed ID: 8785592  
 TITLE: Distribution and expression of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein and bone sialoprotein show marked changes during rat femoral head development.  
 AUTHOR: Shen Z; Heinegard D; Sommarin Y  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Lund, Sweden.  
 SOURCE: MATRIX BIOLOGY, (1995 Dec) 14 (9) 773-81.  
 Journal code: 9432592; ISSN: 0945-053X.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
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AB Distribution and sites of synthesis of a \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* extracellular matrix protein, \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), and of a bone extracellular matrix protein, bone sialoprotein (BSP), were studied in the femoral head of growing Wistar rats from day 14 to day 60 by immunocytochemistry and in situ hybridization. This period includes formation of the secondary ossification center and differentiation of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. At early stages, immunoreactivity for COMP was pronounced throughout the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. The localization of COMP was predominantly territorial in the center of the immature femoral head and in the growth plate at all ages studied. In the superficial parts, a shift from a uniform extracellular matrix staining at day 14 to an interterritorial localization at day 33 to day 60 was seen, apparently concurrent with formation of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. COMP staining, representing \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* remnants, also extended into the center of the trabecular bone in the primary spongiosa. In the secondary ossification center, the staining for COMP decreased at the onset of calcification. The protein was only synthesized by \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*, as shown by in situ hybridization. The highest level of COMP mRNA was detected in \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in the central region of the growth plate. In the layer corresponding to the articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* of the femoral head, mRNA levels for COMP were low from day 14 to day 33 but were increased on day 60. This shows substantial synthesis in the developing articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. Immunoreactivity for BSP was detected in bone trabeculae of primary spongiosa. In situ hybridization showed the highest levels of BSP mRNA in regions of newly formed bone. BSP mRNA was detected in hypertrophic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in the secondary ossification center as early as day 18, well before the appearance of immunochemically detectable BSP. Interestingly, simultaneous expression of COMP and BSP mRNA was seen after day 18 in hypertrophic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* of the growth plate and later also in hypertrophic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* close to the mineralization zone of the articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1996:29371 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 124:113431  
 TITLE: Distribution and expression of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein and bone sialoprotein show marked changes during rat femoral head development

AUTHOR(S): Shen, Zhenxin; Heinegaard, Dick; Sommarin, Yngve  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Cell Mol. Biology, University Lund, and, Swed.  
 SOURCE: Matrix Biology (1995), 14(9), 773=81  
 CODEN: MTBOEC; ISSN: 0945-053X  
 PUBLISHER: Fischer  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English

AB Distribution and sites of synthesis of a \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* extracellular matrix protein, \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* (COMP), and of a bone extracellular matrix protein, bone sialoprotein (BSP), were studied in the femoral head of growing Wistar rats from day 14 to day 60 by immunocytochem. and in situ hybridization. This period includes formation of the secondary ossification center and differentiation of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. At early stages, immunoreactivity for COMP was pronounced throughout the \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. The localization of COMP was predominantly territorial in the center of the immature femoral head and in the growth plate at all ages studied. In the superficial parts, a shift from a uniform extracellular matrix staining at day 14 to an interterritorial localization at day 33 to day 60 was seen, apparently concurrent with formation of articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. COMP staining, representing \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* remnants, also extended into the center of the trabecular bone in the primary spongiosa. In the secondary ossification center, the staining for COMP decreased at the onset of calcification. The protein was only synthesized by \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*, as shown by in situ hybridization. The highest level of COMP mRNA was detected in \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in the central region of the growth plate. In the layer corresponding to the articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* of the femoral head, mRNA levels of COMP were low from day 14 to day 33 but were increased on day 60. This shows substantial synthesis in the developing articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. Immunoreactivity for BSP was detected in bone trabeculae of primary spongiosa. In situ hybridization showed the highest levels of BSP mRNA in regions of newly formed bone. BSP mRNA was detected in hypertrophic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in the secondary ossification center as early as day 18, well before the appearance of immunochem. detectable BSP. Interestingly, simultaneous expression of COMP and BSP mRNA was seen after day 18 in hypertrophic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* of the growth plate and later also in hypertrophic \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* close to the mineralization zone of the articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 40 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 33  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95325938 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95325938 PubMed ID: 7602403  
 TITLE: Cartilage oligomeric matrix protein: isolation and characterization from human articular cartilage.  
 AUTHOR: DiCesare P E; Morgelin M; Carlson C S; Pasumarti S; Paulsson M  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Cartilage and Bone Research Center, Hospital for Joint Diseases Orthopaedic Institute, New York, New York 10003, USA.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: RR08562 (NCRR)  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH, (1995 May) 13 (3) 422-8. Journal code: 8404726. ISSN: 0736-0266.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
 LANGUAGE: English  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* was purified in a native form from normal adult human articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. The key steps in the purification scheme were selective extraction with buffer containing EDTA, wheat germ agglutinin affinity chromatography, and removal of the related protein thrombospondin by heparin affinity chromatography. Particles of \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* viewed by electron microscopy after rotary shadowing revealed structures similar to the prototype molecule purified from Swarm rat chondrosarcoma. The protein demonstrated a bouquet-like five-armed structure, with peripheral globular domains connected by thin flexible strands to a central assembly domain. Immunohistochemistry revealed age-dependent differences in the protein's distribution in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. In normal human adult articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, there was a relatively uniform distribution throughout the interterritorial extracellular matrix, whereas in fetal articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, immunostaining was localized to the extracellular



matrix directly adjacent to the \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. The isolation and characterization of human \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\*  
\*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\* will facilitate its study in pathological conditions of human \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 41 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 34  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 94333398 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94333398 PubMed ID: 8055970  
TITLE: \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\*  
\*\*\*protein\*\*\* and thrombospondin 1. Purification from  
articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, electron microscopic  
structure, and \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* binding.  
AUTHOR: DiCesare P E; Morgelin M; Mann K; Paulsson M  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Cartilage and Bone Research Center, Hospital for Joint  
Diseases Orthopaedic Institute, New York, NY 10003.  
SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF BIOCHEMISTRY, (1994 Aug 1) 223 (3)  
927-37.  
Journal code: 0107600. ISSN: 0014-2956.  
PUB. COUNTRY: GERMANY: Germany, Federal Republic of  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
(COMP) and thrombospondin 1 (TSP1) were purified in a native form from  
normal bovine articular \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*. The key step in the  
purification scheme was selective extraction with EDTA-containing buffer.  
Final separation of these two molecules was achieved by heparin affinity  
chromatography. Particles viewed by electron microscopy after rotary  
shadowing and negative staining revealed structures similar to their  
prototype molecules; from the Swarm rat chondrosarcoma for COMP, or from  
platelets for TSP1. Attachment of primary bovine \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*  
to purified matrix proteins was investigated. Cells attached to COMP but  
not to the structurally related TSP1 indicating separate functions for  
these proteins in \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 42 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 35  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95229140 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95229140 PubMed ID: 7713493  
TITLE: Characterization of human and mouse cartilage oligomeric  
matrix protein.  
AUTHOR: Newton G; Weremowicz S; Morton C C; Copeland N G; Gilbert D  
J; Jenkins N A; Lawler J  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Vascular Research, Brigham and Women's  
Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts 02115.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: HL28749 (NHLBI)  
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SOURCE: GENOMICS, (1994 Dec) 24 (3) 435-9.  
Journal code: 8800135. ISSN: 0888-7543.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English  
FILE SEGMENT: Priority Journals  
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AB \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*  
(COMP) is a 524,000-Da protein that is expressed at high levels in the  
territorial matrix of \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*. The sequences of rat and  
bovine COMP indicate that it is a member of the thrombospondin gene  
family. In this study, we have cloned and sequenced human COMP.  
Phylogenetic analysis using progressive sequence alignment and two  
parsimony-based algorithms indicates that the COMP gene and a precursor of  
the thrombospondin-3 and -4 genes were produced by a gene duplication that  
occurred 750 million years ago. An interspecific backcross mapping panel  
has been used to map the murine COMP gene to the central region of mouse  
chromosome 8. Southern blot analysis of a somatic cell hybrid DNA panel  
and in situ hybridization to human metaphase chromosomes indicate that the  
human COMP gene is located on chromosome 19 in band p13.1. These data  
confirm and extend the known regions of homology between human and mouse  
chromosomes and establish that COMP, like thrombospondin-1, -2, -3, and  
-4, is present in the human and mouse genomes.



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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1993:422997 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 119:22997  
TITLE: COMP (cartilage oligomeric matrix protein) is structurally related to the thrombospondins  
AUTHOR(S): Oldberg, Aake; Antonsson, Per; Lindblom, Karin; Heinegaard, Dick  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Med. Physiol. Chem., Univ. Lund, Lund, S-221 00, Swed.  
SOURCE: Journal of Biological Chemistry (1992), 267(31), 22346-50  
CODEN: JBCHA3; ISSN: 0021-9258

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB Cloning and sequence anal. of cartilage oligomeric matrix protein (COMP) cDNA, representing a cartilage pentameric protein, revealed a protein of 755 amino acid residues with a calcd. mol. mass of 82,700 Da. Expression of the cDNA in COS cells showed that COMP is a homopolymer composed of five identical disulfide-linked subunits. COMP is homologous to the carboxyl-terminal half of thrombospondin, and the homologies include 89% and 54% of the residues in COMP and thrombospondin, resp. The similarities are most pronounced in the carboxy-terminal domains in which about 60% of the amino acid residues are identical. In the type 2/epidermal growth factor repeat domains the two proteins contain 41% identical residues. The sequence of the amino-terminal 84-amino acid residues is unique for COMP. Comparison of the amino acid sequences in the type 2 and type 3 repeat domains of COMP and the thrombospondins shows that COMP is the product of a unique gene and not the result of an alternatively spliced thrombospondin gene.

L26 ANSWER 44 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 36

ACCESSION NUMBER: 92210585 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 92210585 PubMed ID: 1556121  
TITLE: Cartilage matrix proteins. An acidic oligomeric protein (COMP) detected only in cartilage.  
AUTHOR: Hedbom E; Antonsson P; Hjerpe A; Aeschlimann D; Paulsson M; Rosa-Pimentel E; Sommarin Y; Wendel M; Oldberg A; Heinegaard D  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medical and Physiological Chemistry, University of Lund, Sweden.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1992 Mar 25) 267 (9) 6132-6.  
Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
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AB An Mr = 524,000 oligomeric protein was isolated from bovine \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* and designated COMP ( \*\*\*Cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*Oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*Matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*Protein\*\*\* ). The protein is composed of disulfide-bonded subunits with an apparent Mr of 100,000 each. It is markedly anionic, probably due to its high contents of aspartic acid and glutamic acid, as well as to its substitution with negatively charged carbohydrates. COMP was found in all \*\*\*cartilages\*\*\* analyzed, but could not be detected in other tissues by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay of guanidine HCl extracts. Within a given \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, COMP shows a preferential localization to the territorial matrix surrounding the \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\*.

L26 ANSWER 45 OF 45 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 37

ACCESSION NUMBER: 93079835 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 93079835 PubMed ID: 1448898  
TITLE: Immunohistochemical localization of matrix proteins in the femoral joint cartilage of growing commercial pigs.  
AUTHOR: Ekman S; Heinegaard D  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Anatomy and Histology, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala.  
SOURCE: VETERINARY PATHOLOGY, (1992 Nov) 29(6) 514-20.  
Journal code: 0312020. ISSN: 0300-9858.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
LANGUAGE: English

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AB The immunocytochemical localization of several matrix macromolecules, including \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type II and proteoglycans, in the distal femoral articular-epiphyseal \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* complex of 15 commercial pigs between the age of 6 and 18 weeks was studied. Early osteochondrotic lesions, i.e., chondronecrosis in the resting region of the growth \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\*, as well as extensions of necrotic \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* into the subchondral bone, were present in all animals, except those 6 weeks old. A battery of antibodies were used for identification of macromolecules in the matrix at different stages of the disease. \*\*\*Chondrocyte\*\*\* involvement in the process could be studied by identifying the sequence of alterations in matrix macromolecules as the lesion developed. The immunostaining for aggrecan (large aggregating proteoglycans), \*\*\*cartilage\*\*\* \*\*\*oligomeric\*\*\* \*\*\*matrix\*\*\* \*\*\*protein\*\*\*, fibronectin, \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type II, fibromodulin, and biglycan was more prominent in the areas of chondronecrosis, extending into the subchondral bone, than in the normal resting region. This altered pattern of matrix macromolecules resembled that of the matrix of the proliferative \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* and suggests that the \*\*\*chondrocyte\*\*\* maturation had stopped in the proliferative zone. The matrix in the areas of chondronecrosis in the resting region resembled that in the normal resting region. Thus the chondronecrosis appears to have preceded alterations of the matrix composition. The antibody reactivity pattern was, however, altered in the matrix of the clustered \*\*\*chondrocytes\*\*\* in areas of chondronecrosis. Staining in these regions suggested a more prominent appearance of fibronectin and \*\*\*collagen\*\*\* type II than in the normal matrix of the resting region. These changes are suggestive of attempt to repair.(ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

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 L19 19 S L18 (P) COMPOSITION  
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 L22 5 S L1 (P) L21  
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